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LUARCA'S CREW

Somewhere Off Cape Hatteras Vessel is Floating Wrecked and Abandoned.

(Special from United Press.) New York, April 6.—Somewhere off Cape Hatteras in the direct path of the freight and Southern passenger steamer, the barkentine Luarca, salt laden, so serious is this obstruction to navigation that a revenue cutter is to be dispatched at once to locate it. It is not known whether the crew is at sea in open boats or on board some other vessel.

The Luarca's boats are gone, mute evidence that her men perished at sea. The Norse Prince, in to-day from Brazilian ports, fell in with the Luarca last Sunday in latitude 33.30 and longitude 74.45. A boat's crew was seen aboard but while they were around the ship there was no sign of the Luarca. Enough was left to show that she was bound for Turks Island, Bermuda, R. I.

PROVISIONS CUT

(Special from United Press.) Washington, April 6.—In committee of the whole this afternoon, the House passed the bill to cut the counter-levy provision in the lumber schedule.

FOUND WITH THROAT CUT

(Special from United Press.) St. Louis, Mo., April 6.—With his throat cut and a bullet in his temple, the body of William H. Taitgenhorst, a wealthy New York man, was found today lying near the tracks of the Pan-Han railroad.

DIED

THOMPSON—In this city, April 6, 1909. Margaret, daughter of Mary and the late Albert Thompson, aged 4 months 6 days.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of E. H. Berry, No. 4 Webster street, on Thursday, April 8, at 2:30 p. m.

Interment at St. Michael's cemetery.

WATTS—In this city, on Monday, April 5th, 1909, James Peters Elliott, aged 70 years, 3 months, 18 days.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, No. 215 Russell street, on Wednesday, April 7th, at 2:30 p. m.

Interment at South Manchester, Conn.

VERBIL—In this city, April 5, 1909. Joseph Verbill, aged 18 years, 15 days.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of the parents, No. 763 Pembroke street, on Wednesday, April 7, at 2:30 p. m.

Interment at St. Michael's cemetery.

RAYMOND—In this city, April 5, 1909. Arthur H. Raymond, aged 30 years, 7 days.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral at the First Methodist church on Wednesday, 7th inst., at 2:30 o'clock, p. m.

Interment in Mountain Grove cemetery. U 5 b p

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BRANCH IN THE ARCADE

WHAT STANDARD OIL SUIT MEANS

If Oil Monopoly Can Be Dissolved So Can Every Trust in Country.

(Special from United Press.) St. Louis, April 6.—The full significance of this suit against the Standard Oil has not dawned upon the American people. If the government succeeds in procuring an order restraining the subordinate corporations from paying dividends to the Standard, it will have in its hands a powerful lever which it can use to destroy the integrity of every big enterprise in the United States.

Attorney Moritz Rosenthal, mouthpiece of the oil company thus voiced the opinion of interests he represents to-day. General demoralization of the big trusts is the end which the Standard predicted if a final adverse decision is rendered against the oil trust.

Not only may the Standard Oil Company be dissolved but the railway mergers, steel trust, fish trust and all the great trusts that control the supply of the necessities of life. The dissolving of these organizations, in the opinion of the Standard advisers, will demoralize capital almost to a state of anarchy.

Another panic of greater magnitude than the one out of which the country is just emerging, would ensue, and the people would be the principal sufferers.

The government expects to conclude the presentation of its case this afternoon. The program for the day is as follows: At 10 a. m. the Honorable Special Counsel Charles B. Morrison will present his argument during the afternoon.

WANTS ANOTHER FOOT

At Corner of North Avenue and Main Street.

The Aldermanic Street committee has decided to hold a public hearing at the next meeting of the Common Council upon the question of allowing John L. Schlechert to build one foot beyond the building line on the west side of Main street between North avenue and Tom Thumb street.

Mr. Schlechert states that if the city will permit him to build a foot over the line he will be able to establish a sidewalk that will be 11 feet wide. The walk on the other side of the street is only five feet wide.

PLAYFUL COLLIES

FRIGHTEN HORSE

Animal Runs Through Group of Children and Two Are Injured.

A big black horse badly scared dashed through a group of little children in Wood avenue north of North avenue at 10:30 this morning. Two of the little folks, Dottie DeMora, aged 3 and Leona Hirschfeld, aged 6 were knocked down in the scramble to get out of the way of the big animal, but neither was seriously injured. The De Mores children were standing near the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hirschfeld of 715 Wood avenue. She was badly scratched and bruised on the face and one ankle is bruised.

Hitched to a delivery wagon belonging to the Bridgeport Grocery Co., the animal was standing in North avenue. A hitch line with a twenty pound weight was fastened to the animal's bit. Collie dogs were rolling in the roadway. On the sidewalk a horse and the high spirited animal was off taking the 20 pound weight with it. On the southwest corner of Main and Wood avenue the animal took to the sidewalk and ripped up about 30 feet of fence belonging to Ernest Adams. Here the animal left the wagon behind and rushed toward North avenue was easily caught.

CITY COURT FIGHT

ENDS TOMORROW

(By our Staff Corres.)

Hartford, April 6.—House Leader Judge Bruce of Greenwich, said today to your correspondent that he anticipated that the Bridgeport City Court contest would be finally decided in the House tomorrow. Judge A. B. Beers, Judge Carl Foster and Prosecutor Alexander DeLaney were present at the session of the House today in the interest of the "Olds."

WALL FELL ON BOY

WHO SUES FOR \$3,000

William J. Murray, a seven year old boy of Danbury, through his father William H. Murray, has filed suit in the Superior court against Frederick A. Hall, also of Danbury, for injuries received from the falling of a wall. The wall was owned by Frederick A. Hall, and was situated on Liberty street, Danbury. His house was damaged by fire, March 4, 1907. A few days later, Murray's boy, while passing the house, stopped to watch some workmen, when a part of the front wall fell on him. The claim of negligence is set up and damages to the amount of \$3,000 is asked for.

TIME EXTENDED

(Special from United Press.)

Hartford, April 6.—The Senate today voted favorably upon the petition of the Stratford Point and Land Company, extending the time of organization.

THE PROBATE COURT

An inventory of the estate of the late William Loughlin, of the probate court to-day shows real estate valued at \$1,400.

CELEBRATED MASS.

That the Catholic inmates of the Lakeview Home might make their Easter duty as required by the rubrics of the church, Rev. Father Lynch of St. Charles church went to the almshouse this morning and celebrated mass at which he gave Holy Communion.

NO BISHOP NOW.

Owing to the fact that there is at present no Roman Catholic bishop in this diocese the consecration of the holy oils used in the church service during the year will not occur in the Cathedral at Hartford this year on Maunday Thursday. The consecration can only be performed by a bishop and this year the Bishop of Springfield, Rt. Rev. Bevens, will consecrate the church oils. Those will be brought to Hartford whence the pastors throughout the State will go to receive them.

TAKAHIRA WILL BE GUEST OF BOARD OF TRADE

Date for Thirty-second Annual Banquet Set for Friday, April 16, at Stratfield

On Friday, as usual, the Bridgeport Board of Trade will hold its 32d annual banquet at the Stratfield Hotel. Invitations to the number of 250 have been sent out and from the list of speakers, among whom are numbered men high in diplomatic, commercial and professional circles, a highly instructive time will be enjoyed. The banquet hall of the hotel will be decorated for the occasion, and souvenirs given to the banquet.

Baron Kogoro Takahira, the Japanese Ambassador to the United States, will be the guest of honor and will reply to the toast, paper and America in the Far East. Richard Reid Rogers, general counsel of the Panama Canal Commission, will take the big ditch. Captain J. B. Murdoch, commander of the battleship Rhode Island, on the world cruise, and who on May will be the commander of the Brooklyn Navy Yard and also will be promoted to Admiral, will talk on the cruise. Then there will be J. Hampton Moore, of the navy, a member of Congress. His subject will be Inland Water Ways.

Ex. J. Hill will tell how a tariff is made by one who is doing it. Col. Charles Lyman, of the Treasury department, will speak on "America's Financial Future." Charles S. Mellen, president of the New York New Haven & Hartford R. R., will give some views on the railroad. Stiles Judson, State's Attorney, will make a complimentary reply to Baron Takahira's remarks. Mayor Lee will make a few remarks.

Carrying out the principle on which the Board of Trade bases its reason for existing, everything used in the banquet will be, as far as possible, made in Bridgeport.

Tax Collectors Form Association

Organization is Perfecting in Hartford and Collector Donnelly is Honored With Office.

(By our Staff Corres.) Hartford, April 6.—A meeting was held at the Capitol today for the purpose of forming an association comprising the tax collectors of Connecticut. The meeting was presided over by Tax Commissioner Corbett of Hartford. Tax Collector Reeves was elected president. Tax Collector John M. Donnelly of Bridgeport was unanimously chosen vice president. A secretary and treasurer were also elected.

The purpose of the association is to formulate and present laws to aid in the collecting of taxes in the various cities and towns of the State. Tax Collector Donnelly will this afternoon appear before the Finance committee of the General Assembly and state his views upon several measures pending in relation to taxes, etc.

ROOSEVELT NOW IN MESSINA

Is Cheered by Inhabitants as He Passes Among Ruins.

(Special from United Press.) Messina, April 6.—Ex-President Roosevelt and Ambassador Greville arrived at Messina at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

King Victor and Queen Helena met Mr. Roosevelt and the Ambassador at Messina. The Admiral was unable to dock owing to the fact that the quake damage to the water front has not yet been repaired. The Admiral was made in boats that put off from the Admiral.

The party immediately began a trip through the ruins. Mr. Roosevelt declared that the extent of the damage was far greater than he had pictured. He was cheered by the people who remembered the promptness with which he had adopted relief measures for the benefit of the quake sufferers.

Many pushed forward in an effort to kiss his hand but were kept back by the crowd.

Senate Extends Time For Trust Company

(Special from United Press.)

Hartford, April 6.—The Senate spent considerable time today in confirming the appointment of a number of judges.

There were favorable reports on a measure extending the time for organization of the Fairfield County Trust Company of Bridgeport and on several appropriation bills. Among the measures passed by the Senate were the following:

An act abolishing the office of the commissioner of school funds, transferring his duties to the state treasurer; an act providing for the assessment and collection of the taxes in the city of Stamford.

The Senate passed a resolution of sympathy to Chaplain Rev. J. Frederick Sexton on the death of his wife. This was also passed by the House.

STRIKE SITUATION GROWING SERIOUS

(Special from United Press.)

Plainfield, April 6.—The situation in the textile strike assumed a rather serious aspect to-day when fifty of the three hundred strikers who returned to work this morning were discharged. The decision to return to work was reached last night after a rather stormy session of the Weavers' Union and the action was carried by a small majority.

FIVE NEW PATROLMEN

Mayor Lee will sign the police ordinance adopted by the Common Council last night, creating five new patrolmen.

THE MARCH DEATH RECORD.

The mortality record in the office of the town clerk shows that there were 15 deaths in this city last month. These were caused as follows: Pneumonia 16; influenza 10; nervous prostration 1; typhoid fever 2; grippe 1; bronchitis 1; diarrhoea 1; all other causes, 71. The number of deaths in hospitals was 39, and the number of deaths of children under the age of five years was 26.

Michael Saksa, formerly in the employ of the Frank Miller Lumber Co., as a laborer, has brought suit against the company for damages of \$1,000.

Saksa claims that he was piling up heavy timber in the yard of the company when some fell on him. He alleges that his toes were crushed and small bones in his feet broken.

WANT ADS. CENT A WORD.

WANTS MARRIAGE MADE VOID

Ryckman Claims Wife Frightened Him Into Matrimony With False Accusation.

Claiming that his wife, Laura Ryckman, falsely accused him of being the father of her unborn child, forcing him to marry her Dec. 11, 1906, John W. Ryckman, an employee of the Singer Mfg. Co., has brought suit against his wife for divorce, and also wants to have the marriage proceedings declared null and void. Ryckman declares that on the day of his marriage he was served with papers in a civil action brought by his wife, charging him with being responsible for her condition.

Ryckman claims that he was innocent of the charges and that his wife made them, knowing that they were false. The defendant also, through her agents, represented that the plaintiff, under the law, could be compelled to marry the defendant or be imprisoned in the county jail for a length of time. The plaintiff believed such statements and in pursuance of such belief permitted a pretended marriage ceremony to be performed. Since then they have never lived together as man and wife. The plaintiff at the time of the marriage was a minor, 20 years of age, and incapable of fully understanding the duties of married life. The marriage license was drawn without the consent of his parents or guardians, and was not issued by the registrar of marriages.

Mrs. Ryckman before the marriage was Laura Zeels, and but 17 years of age.

TARIFF LABORS

TO END MAY 15

Borah Says "No Inheritance Tax, But Favors Income Tax."

(Special from United Press.)

Washington, April 6.—"Congress will conclude its labors on the tariff bill on the 15th of May or at the latest on the first of June," said Senator Borah at the White House to-day.

"While there is little chance of an income tax being passed at this session or any other session in the near future, it is the solution of the problem that we shall finally be obliged to reach."

"I am not in favor of government levying an inheritance tax for that is something that the state can very well take care of and it seems to me that we must let the states have some income."

East Conference Receives Applicants

(Special from United Press.)

Stamford, April 6.—The New York East Conference was in executive session to-day at the Hotel Hamilton, considering the acceptance of 17 applications for admittance. There was lively debate upon the admission of some whose educational qualifications were above criticism, but whose applications were denied on other grounds. The following were admitted to the conference: N. Y.: Oscar M. Buck, East Meadow, N. Y.; Warren F. Cook, Middlefield, Conn.; Richard H. Bennett, Westbrook, Conn.; George A. Cook, New Haven; Fred F. Vorhees, Hartford; Welcome D. Caroes, Setauket, N. Y.; Minor C. Brown, Easton, Conn.; and E. F. Weller, Valley Stream, N. Y.

The conference claimants' anniversary was transferred to 10 a. m., the Tuesday of the next conference session in Middletown. Rev. H. H. Bettans offered a resolution that an invitation be extended to President W. S. Sarsland, D. D., LL. D., of Wesleyan University to become a member of the New York Conference, and that the Bishop be required to arrange for the transfer.

Deaths and Funerals

Funeral services for Thomas Warren Foley, formerly of this city, who died Saturday morning at St. Francis hospital from injuries received in an automobile accident at Hartford last Friday afternoon, were held yesterday afternoon at 12:30 at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Foley, No. 33 Lafayette street, Hartford. Owing to the illness of his oldest son, the services were private.

The Rev. John F. Johnstone, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiated. There were many floral tributes, including a square and compass from St. John's lodge, F. & A. M. and Bridgeport Lodge of Elks, both of which the deceased was a member. The bearers were brothers and cousins. Burial was in Cedar Hill cemetery.

Many city officials, both past and present, and men in every walk of life were in attendance this afternoon at the funeral of Robert M. Houston, former City Treasurer and Fire Commissioner, held this afternoon from his late home, 80 Elmwood place, at 2:30. Rev. George M. Brown, pastor of the First Methodist church, conducting the services. The casket was completely surrounded with a wealth of floral offerings. At the grave a delegation from Samuel H. Harris lodge, I. O. O. F., conducted the services of the Odd Fellows.

The funeral of Peter Finlan was held from his residence of his brother, Edward Finlan, 89 Franklin street, this morning at 8:30 and from St. Augustine's church at 9, where Rev. John J. Kelly officiated. A high mass of requiem. During the services the church choir rendered a number of selections. Mrs. F. J. Kelley sang "Pie Jesu" and Miss Mary Flaherty, "Heaven is My Home." The pall bearers were George Stapleton, M. Reeves, B. Keller, A. Lamond, John Carroll, and James Pelts.

James D. Grady, superintendent of letter carriers at the local post office, has caused metalic cards to be placed in all of the letter boxes in the city. The cards have an enameled face and give the proper address of the carrier. Under a new arrangement collections of mail are now being made regularly every hour.

COLLECTIONS EVERY HOUR.

(Special from United Press.)

Bethel, April 6.—A man who gave his name as George Brown pleaded not guilty to charges of burglary in the police court to-day and was bound over to the Superior court under a bond of \$500. Brown was arrested yesterday afternoon in the residence of F. W. Fitch, and when searched a number of articles of jewelry belonging to the Fitch family were found on his person.

CYCLONE DESTROYS CHURCH.

(Special from United Press.)

Marion, Ill., April 6.—As a result of a cyclone which struck this city and vicinity early to-day the Methodist Church South was demolished and a number of buildings in the public square heavily damaged. It is believed no one was killed.

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It is an impressive gathering. Its breadth makes it so. Its diversity makes it so. Its tastefulness makes it so. Its worth for price makes it so.

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Coats for girls, both big and little.

Dresses and underwear and other finery for girls.

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